

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

OXLEY, Michael G. (Republican)
Representative, 4th District, Ohio
Elected 25Jun81 to the 97th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Findlay, Ohio - 11 February 1944

Home: Findlay, Ohio

Marital status: Married (Patricia) - 1 child

Religion: Lutheran

Military: None specified

Education: Miami U.(OH), B.A., 1966: Ohio State Univ, J.D., 1969

Profession: Attorney; former FBI agent

Political: OH House, 1973-81, ranking Republican on the Cmte on Judiciary and Criminal Justice. On 25Jun81, narrowly defeated Dale Locker (D) in a special election to replace Rep Tennyson Guyer (R) who died in office. Reelected in 1998 with 64% of the vote, in 2000 with 67% of the votes, and in 2002 with 68% of the vote.

Rep Oxley, a conservative, is affable, competitive, and partisan. Supports the concept of a drug "czar" with Cabinet status to combat the drug problem in the US. In the 101st Congress, however, he opposed an anti-drug bill that would have transferred funds from SDI to drug programs. He has an interest in emerging technologies and opposes efforts to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine regulation on the US broadcasting industry (Politics in America, 1994, pp.1184-6). Supported the Reagan economic program, except for its Social Security provisions. In Feb90, opposed including the government-owned production line for the Army's M-1 tank on the proposed base closure list - the General Dynamics Lima Army Tank Plant is in his district. (Wash Post, 16Feb90) The revised closure list issued in Apr91 after the Persian Gulf war did not include the facility, a victory for him (LA Times, 13Apr91)

In the 102nd Congress, supported the President's request for authorization to use force in the Persian Gulf. Urged Congress to privatize US uranium supply operations, stating that competition would assure an economical supply of nuclear fuels. In the 103d Congress, supported legislation to turn over additional megahertz of spectrum (frequencies) to the FCC for eventual commercial use. Stated his concern about dramatic cuts to anti-drug foreign aid programs.

In the 104th Congress, one of his priorities was reform of the Superfund hazardous waste cleanup program; intro legislation to help companies pay for the cost of cleanup.

In the 106th Congress, his press secretary commented that "we find this a very strange occurrence that the Army would do a large ceremonial rollout of the Wolverine (a combat vehicle fitted with a rolling, fold-up bridge strong enough to take tanks over craters without requiring soldiers to risk lives setting up the span) in September and just a few months later do a complete reversal of the program." Rep Oxley planned to question the Sec/Army regarding this change that would affect employment at the Lima, Ohio, General Dynamics plant. Introduced a substitute amdt to H.R. 2580, superfund bill.

Additional: Serves on the Campaign Reform Task Force and the Congressional Rural Caucus

AF Bases: Mansfield MAP (ANG)

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